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A.—On an examination of the scheme based on an estimate prepared in 1930, it was considered desirable to have the question of the availability of supply further examined by taking gaugings, for a period of five years, before coming to a conclusion on the feasibility of the scheme. For this purpose the Chief Engineer requires a special staff of one overseer and one gumasta for a period of seven months in each of five years, but it has not been possible till now, on account of financial stringency, to accord sanction to the employment of this staff.

Progress of the Tippayapalem project.

* 586 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Tippayapalem project (Kurnool) was taken up and how much work is completed;

(*b*) whether the project will be ready by the end of 1934; and

(*c*) whether any Special Officer has been deputed to finish the work earlier?

A.—(*a*) It was taken up in 1931 but after an expenditure of Rs. 1,400 was incurred it was stopped owing to retrenchment. It was resumed in November 1932. The masonry core wall up to level + 550·00 including concrete has been completed between longitudinal sections 177 and 325. Masonry in the right flank weir has been raised to + 558·00 in the upstream wing and to + 563·00 in the other portions, except at the abutment, where the work has been stopped at + 556·00. The construction of temporary quarters for clerks and improvements to section officers' quarters have been completed.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The work has been under execution by a special subdivision from the beginning.

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—"With reference to the answer given to clause (*b*), may I know what difficulties the Government have in finishing this project by the end of 1934?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"It is not possible to finish it earlier."

Execution of drainage schemes recommended by the Settlement Officer, Guntur district.

* 587 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the information called for by them referred to in question No. 296, dated 2nd November 1933, from the officer concerned;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay it on the table of this House;